

# Exhibit X

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**Subject:** Valsartan - Draft Discovery to Retail Pharmacy and Wholesaler Defendants  
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[Valsartan - DRAFT 2nd Set of Doc Reqs. to Wholesalers.pdf](#)  
[Valsartan - draft 30b6 depo notice to retailers.pdf](#)  
[Valsartan - draft 30b6 depo notice to wholesalers.pdf](#)

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Dear Sarah and Jeff,

In your respective roles as liaison counsel for Retail Pharmacy and Wholesaler Defendants, please find attached Plaintiffs' draft Rule 30(b)(6) notices and draft second sets of document requests.

Please let us know dates next week for meet and confers on these items. We intend to present any un-agreed issues to the Court at the CMC at the end of December, so they may be promptly entered by the Court and responded-to sufficiently in advance of the April 1, 2021 fact discovery deadline. In the meantime, please provide us dates for each Retail Pharmacy and Wholesaler Defendant's Rule 30(b)(6) deposition within the fact discovery period. For your reference, the red strikethrough text shows what we removed from the preliminary statements and definitions/instructions in the first sets of document requests.

Regards,  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

**IN RE: VALSARTAN  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

**This Document Relates to All Actions**

MDL No. 2875

Honorable Robert B. Kugler,  
District Judge

Honorable Joel Schneider,  
Magistrate Judge

**PLAINTIFFS' SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR  
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO WHOLESALER  
DEFENDANTS**

**TO ALL WHOLESALER DEFENDANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34 and Local Civil Rule 34.1, and in accordance with the Court's prior rulings, Plaintiffs propound the following second set of requests upon each Wholesaler Defendant. These requests are without prejudice to Plaintiffs' rights to serve other requests consistent with Rules 26 and 34.

~~Plaintiffs and Wholesaler Defendants agree that the requests for production that follow represent the Court Approved Requests for Production to be answered by the Wholesaler Defendants in accordance with the Court's ruling on discovery issues following argument of the Parties on July 6, 2020, (D.E. 507), and incorporated herein. The Wholesaler Defendants have advised, and Plaintiffs understand, that there may be differences in the type and extent of data available and the type and extent of data available in a reasonably accessible format. Following service of these requests for production, each Wholesaler Defendant shall serve its own individual responses to the requests set forth below, specifying any issues that the Wholesaler Defendant has with responding to the requests. The Parties will meet and confer in good faith on the substance of any such responses, including to the extent necessary to address Plaintiffs' reasonable questions regarding Wholesaler Defendant's answers.~~

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**DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED:**

- 1. All documents relating to any representation or warranty provided by any manufacturer or seller of VCDs to you or any other downstream purchaser.**
- 2. All documents relating to any representation or warranty provided by or passed on by you to any downstream purchaser.**
- 3. All agreements relating to your purchase of VCDs (e.g., purchase/supply agreements with manufacturers, etc.).**
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- 8. All communications between you and any Manufacturer Defendant relating to your purchase of, or the recalls of, VCDs.**
- 9. All communications between you and any Retail Pharmacy Defendant relating to your sale or, or the recalls of, VCDs.**
- 10. Organizational charts or other documents sufficient to show the names, titles, and responsibilities of employees or agents involved in the following functions: (i) the purchase of VCDs; (ii) the sale of VCDs; (iii) the inventory maintenance, receiving, and shipping of VCDs; (iv) the recall of VCDs.**
- 11. To AmeriSource only: All documents relating to any policies, practices, or procedures for documents that accompany shipments of VCDs that you purchase, or that you sell. [To AmeriSource only because they were only Wholesaler Defendant not to produce a "final written policy" on what shipment documents accompany incoming or outgoing VCD shipments.]**

Dated: December \_\_, 2020

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DEFENDANTS**

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~~Plaintiffs understand and have been advised by the Retail Pharmacy Defendants that the requests that follow represent the Court Approved Requests for Production to be answered by the Retail Pharmacy Defendants, and are a uniform discovery instrument negotiated by the Retail Pharmacy Defendants at the direction of the Court and follow several rulings by the Court on discovery issues,<sup>1</sup> including but not limited to the Court's ruling on macro discovery following~~

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<sup>1</sup> Each request is to be interpreted consistent with the Court's oral rulings at the November 20, 2019 hearing on macro discovery issues; the November 25, 2019 Order on macro discovery issues pertaining to the Manufacturing Defendants (Dkt. 303); the parties' representations as reflected in the record of the December 11, 2019 discovery hearing; and the Court's oral and/or written rulings following the December 11, 2019 discovery hearing, the January 15, 2020 discovery hearing, the January 28, 2020 discovery conference, the February 13, 2020 discovery conference, and the July 6, 2020 macro discovery hearing.

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**“Finished Dose Manufacturer”** includes any entity identified as a Defendant in Plaintiffs' Master Complaints that manufactures valsartan in a finished dosage form that is engaged in manufacturing, preparing, propagating, compounding, processing, packaging, repackaging, or labeling of valsartan. The term “finished dose manufacturer” also includes entities who hold ANDAs.

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**“TPP”** refers to Third Party Payors, including health insurance companies, third-party administrators, health maintenance organizations, self-funded health and welfare benefit plans, third party payors, and any other health benefit provider in the United States of America and its territories.

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Dated: December \_\_, 2020

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IN RE: VALSARTAN, LOSARTAN, AND  
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LITIGATION

Hon. Robert. B. Kugler

This Document Relates To:

Civ. No. 19-2875 (RBK/JS)

*All Actions*

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION  
TO [WHOLESALE] PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 30(b)(6)**

TO: ADDRESSEE

*Counsel for Defendant XXXXX*

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DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020



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I, Adam M. Slater, hereby certify that on December \_\_\_, 2020, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing to be transmitted via ECF to all counsel having registered an appearance on ECF, with courtesy copies served on counsel for Wholesaler Name, and Defendants' liaison counsel, via email.

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## **TOPICS**

1. The testing and testing results of VCDs provided to you, or the testing and testing results of VCDs prepared by or for you.
2. Your understanding of the cause of any contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
3. The extent of the nitrosamine contamination of VCDs, both in terms of the concentration per pill, and across all of the lots/batches.
4. Your communications with any Manufacturer Defendant, Retail Pharmacy Defendant, or regulatory authority (including but not limited to the FDA) relating to the content/purity/contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
5. Your communications with any of your customers, or consumers or third-party payors, relating to the content/purity/contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
6. All oral and written statements (defined to include representations and warranties) that you received from any Manufacturer Defendant regarding quality, purity, content, or contamination issues related to VCDs.
7. All oral and written statements (defined to include representations and warranties) that you made to or passed on to any customer or purchaser (including, e.g., Retailer Pharmacy Defendants, other retail pharmacies, consumers, or third-party payors) regarding the quality, purity, content, or contamination issues related to VCDs.
8. Your product recall for VCDs, including who you communicated with, how, about what, and the retention, sequestration, return, or destruction of VCDs.
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11. Your compliance or non-compliance with cGMPs as it relates to the quality assurance, quality control, and sale of VCDs.
12. Tracing of VCDs purchased by you (e.g., by NDC number, lot, batch, quantity, expiration date, and other metrics), and sold downstream by you for ultimate intended use by consumers in the United States.
13. The pricing of VCDs purchased by you for ultimate sale in the United States.

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15. The gross and net profits to you from your sale of VCDs in the United States.
16. The quantity/units of VCDs sold in the United States.
17. The purchase and sales data produced by you in this litigation (sample documents to be provided ahead of deposition during meet and confer process).
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**EXHIBIT A**

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**“Manufacturer Defendants”** is defined as any entity identified as a Defendant in Plaintiffs’ Master Complaints that manufactures the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) for, or the finished dose formulation of, valsartan.

**“Communication(s)”** means the transmittal of information, in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, documents or otherwise, and includes all transmissions of information received or transmitted by you, including correspondence, regardless of whether you are an author or addressee of such transmittal.

**Relevant Time Period:** Unless otherwise specified, the relevant time period applicable to all requests is January 1, 2012 through the December 31, 2019.

**“Retail Pharmacy Defendants”** refers to any and all entities listed by name as “Retail Pharmacy Defendants” in Plaintiffs’ June 17, 2019 Master Personal Injury Complaint (Dkt. No. 121), including any agents, employees, or predecessor entities.

**“Valsartan” or “VCDs”** means any drug with valsartan as an active ingredient. For purposes of these Requests, “Valsartan” or “VCDs” is limited to only those drugs with a National Drug Code (NDC) associated with any of the Manufacturer Defendants identified in Plaintiffs’ Master Complaints.

**“Recalled Valsartan” or “Recalled VCDs”** means any drug with valsartan as an active ingredient, as well as all finished drug formulations of valsartan, including any valsartan containing drug, that was subject to a voluntary or mandatory recall, to the extent identifiable from Documents kept by the Wholesaler Defendant(s) in the ordinary course of business.

**“You,” “your” or “defendant”** shall be used interchangeably and refers to the parties to which these requests are directed.

**“Drug Supply Chain Security Act”** refers to Pub. L. 113-54 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**“Wholesaler Defendants”** refers to Amerisource Bergen Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., or McKesson Corporation, as identified in Plaintiffs’ March 13, 2020 Consolidated Second Amended Economic Loss Class Action Complaint (Dkt. No. 398), including any agents, employees, or predecessor entities.

**“FIFO”** means a first-in, first-out inventory method.

“LIFO” means a last-in, first-out inventory method.

“JIT” means just-in-time inventory method.

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1. The testing and testing results of VCDs provided to you, or the testing and testing results of VCDs prepared by or for you.
2. Your understanding of the cause of any contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
3. The extent of the nitrosamine contamination of VCDs, both in terms of the concentration per pill, and across all of the lots/batches.
4. Your communications with any Manufacturer Defendant, Wholesaler Defendant, or regulatory authority (including but not limited to the FDA) relating to the content/purity/contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
5. Your communications with any of your customers, or consumers or third-party payors, relating to the content/purity/contamination of VCDs with nitrosamines including NDMA.
6. All oral and written statements (defined to include representations and warranties) that you received from any person from whom you purchased VCDs (including Manufacturer or Wholesaler Defendants) regarding quality, purity, content, or contamination issues related to VCDs.
7. All oral and written statements (defined to include representations and warranties) that you made to or passed on to any consumer or third-party payor that paid any amount for VCDs regarding the quality, purity, content, or contamination issues related to VCDs.
8. Your product recall for VCDs, including who you communicated with, how, about what, and the retention, sequestration, return, or destruction of VCDs.
9. All credits, indemnification, refunds, and/or penalties paid or provided by you in connection with actual or potential nitrosamine contamination of VCDs.
10. All credits, indemnification, refunds, and/or penalties paid or provided to you in connection with actual or potential nitrosamine contamination of VCDs.
11. Your compliance or non-compliance with cGMPs as it relates to the quality assurance, quality control, and sale of VCDs.
12. Tracing of VCDs purchased by you (e.g., by NDC number, lot, batch, quantity, expiration date, and other metrics), and sold downstream by you for ultimate intended use by consumers in the United States.
13. The pricing of VCDs purchased by you for ultimate sale in the United States.

14. The pricing of VCDs sold by you for ultimate use in the United States.
15. The gross and net profits to you from your sale of VCDs in the United States.
16. The quantity/units of VCDs sold in the United States.
17. The purchase and sales data produced by you in this litigation (sample documents to be provided ahead of deposition during meet and confer process).
18. The stock life for VCDs in your inventories (both distribution centers and retail stores), including but not limited to FIFO, LIFO, JIT, turnover ratio, replenishment/re-order triggers, and any proprietary inventory management systems.